

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Prior to the present communication, claims 1-19 were pending in the subject application. Claims 11-19 have been cancelled herein. Thus, claims 1-10 remain pending. This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A computer-implemented method for facilitating placement of health care order entry, comprising:

receiving input indicative of a desired order having terms therein;
normalizing the terms of the received input;
finding possible drug matches for the normalized terms, and calculating a rough score for possible order matches;
refining the rough score with a rough score adjustment; and
ranking the found possible order matches from the most-likely to match the desired order to the least-likely based upon the refined rough score.

2. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the normalizing comprises:

replacing any abbreviations with known terms corresponding to the respective abbreviations; and
eliminating any terms that are numbers.

3. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein. Refining includes adding known synonyms to the terms in the possible drug matches and matching full sentence orders to the possible order matches.

4. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 3, wherein refining further includes normalizing the full sentence orders, adjusting for exact matches and adjusting for unit matches.

5. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising displaying the found possible order matches in the ranked order.

6. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the rough score calculation includes determining a match distance and ranking the match based on the distance.

7. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 6, wherein the distance is defined as the number of changes needed in the possible drug matches to obtain an exact match to the terms of the received input.

8. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein normalizing includes setting an anti-flag for any found, pre-determined anti-terms, and wherein the rough score calculation includes removing any terms for which the anti-flag is set.

9. (Original) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system operable to execute the method as recited in claim 1.

10. (Original) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for executing the method of claim 1.

11-19. (Cancelled)